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Story,"

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JIMMY GOWNLEY

AMELIA *Rules!*

"Funny Story"

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OUR STORY SO FAR...

At the tender age of nine, Amelia and her mother moved from Manhattan to live with her super hip Aunt Tanner after Amelia's father and mother divorced. Dealing with a new town, new school, and new set of cliques, Amelia learns to deal with everyday-problems such as homework, crushes, neighborhood ninjas and the mysterious "Legion of Steves" in an extraordinary way!

Recently, Amelia has confessed to crushing on her best friend Reggie Grabinsky, who is also known as the wannabe superhero "Captain Amazing." She hopes to keep this a secret however as it may complicate the delicate friendship she has achieved with Rhonda Bleenie, another girl who has her heart inexplicably set on the strange Mr. Grabinsky. Amelia hopes to keep the peace, as well as make things easier on Rhonda who has her own problems with nutty parents and an obnoxious sister named Reenie.

Jimmy Gownley's *Amelia Rules!* is one of America's hottest up and coming comic book series. Nominated for the comic book industry's highly coveted Harvey (2004,2005) and Eisner Awards (2003,2005,2006) for "Best Humor Comic" and "Best Title for a Younger Audience", both the art and the stories easily send the message that comics are for people of all ages, genders and backgrounds.

Amelia Rules! will be celebrating its fifth anniversary in June with a 48-page super issue with a cover by artist Terry Maare (creator of *Strangers in Paradise*) and rereleasing issues 1-10 in two collections, while preparing for a third collection publication in August. @Jimmy Gownley

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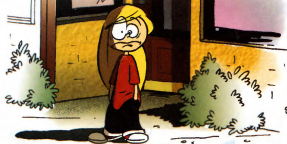
EVERYTHING WAS
GOING FINE.

SURE, MY PARENTS
WERE DIVORCED,
AND YES, I NO
LONGER LIVED IN
NEW YORK CITY...

BUT I WAS
ADJUSTING,
Y'KNOW?

I HAD MY FRIENDS,
MAYBE NOT AS MANY
AS IN NEW YORK, BUT
MOST OF THESE HAVE
SECRET IDENTITIES, SO
IT'S KINDA LIKE GETTING
TWO FOR ONE.

SO Y'KNOW, THINGS WERE FINE!



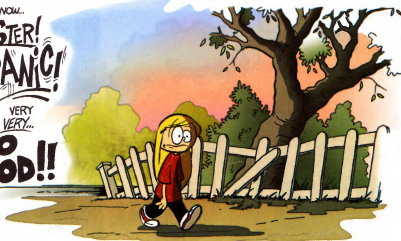
BUT NOW...

DISASTER!
PANIC!

VERY
VERY...

**NO
GOOD!!**

I NEEDED TO TALK,
I NEEDED COUNSEL,
I NEEDED COMFORT.

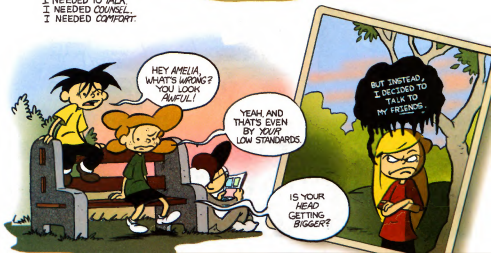


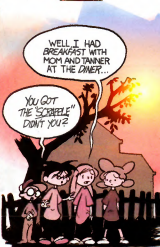
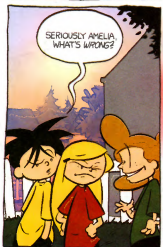
HEY AMELIA,
WHAT'S WRONG?
YOU LOOK
PAINFUL!

YEAH, AND
THAT'S EVEN
BY YOUR
LOW STANDARDS.

IS YOUR
HEAD
GETTING
BIGGER?

BUT INSTEAD,
I DECIDED TO
TALK TO
MY FRIENDS.





"WELL, LET ME TELL YOU..."

DEAREST MOTHER,
BELOVED AUNT...
I HAVE AN
ANNOUNCEMENT.

IN KEEPING WITH
OUR ANNUAL LAST
DAY OF VACATION
TRADITION...

I HAVE
SELECTED
A FILM FOR
US TO VIEW.

TONIGHT, AT EIGHT PM,
CHANNEL 27 IS SHOWING THE
ALL TIME MOVIE CLASSIC...

"THE PRINCESS
BRIDE."

SWORD FIGHTS,
ROMANCE,
MANDY PATINKIN.

YOU JUST
CAN'T
GO WRONG!

Funny Story

by
JIMMY GOWNLEY

WE HAVE
A
TRADITION?

TONIGHT?
OH. UH...

NOW, I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE
THINKING... HOW CAN WE PASS
ON CHANNEL NINE'S WAY
COOL SHOWING OF "ATOM
AGE VAMPIRE?"

WELL, IT WAS
A CLOSE CALL.

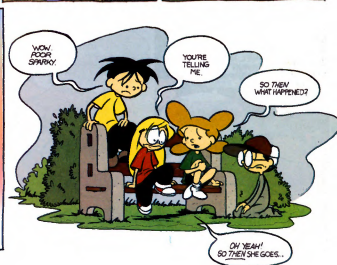
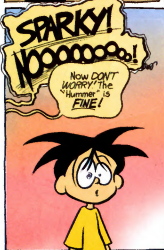
BUT I DIDN'T
WANT MOM TO
PASS OUT LIKE
SHE DID DURING
"I WALKED WITH
A ZOMBIE."

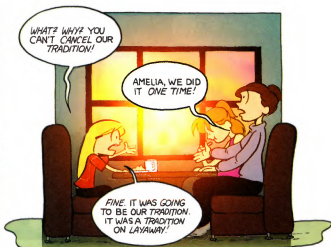
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WAS
EMBARRASSING.

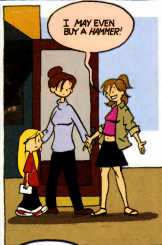
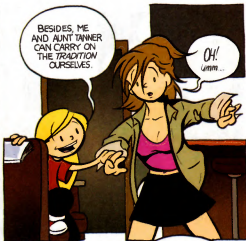
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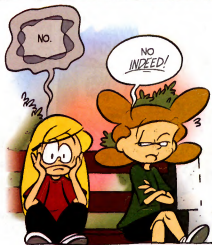
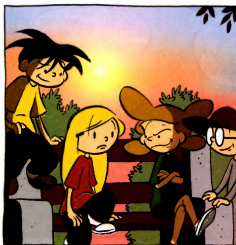
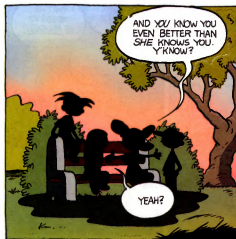
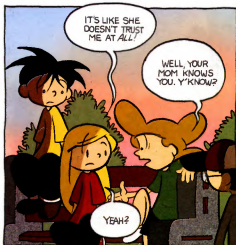
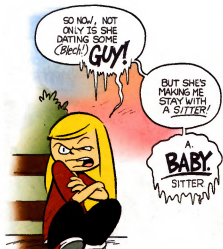
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TODAY...

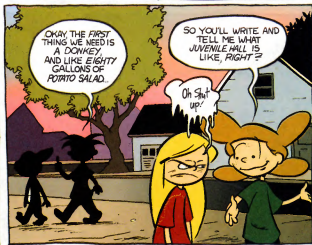
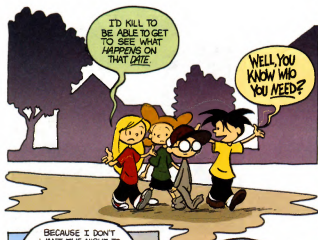
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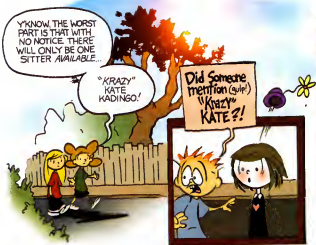












"She sat for my Cousin once, and it was so HORRIFYING that he lost the ability to SPEAK!"

"To this DAY, the only time he TALKS is to SWEAR at PASSERBY in LITHUANIAN!"



"The whole thing was so ICKY WICKY that it would've sent me into INTENSIVE THERAPY."



"SHE MAY FIND OUT THAT MRS. KADINGO ATE HER BABY."

MRS. KADINGO...
THIS IS MY
DAUGHTER
UMM...

AMELIA?

Tell her to
**KEEP her
DISTANCE!**

OH HELLO
DEAR MY
AREN'T YOU
LOVELY!!

UMM...
MRS.
KADINGO?

THAT'S
A MIRROR!

A MIRROR!
WELL, I'LL BE!

I LOOK
LIKE THE
LIVING DEAD

OOOOKAY ♪

I'M GONNA
GO GET READY.

AMELIA, WHY DON'T
YOU KEEP MRS.
KADINGO...

GROUND.

YOU KNOW, I
HAVE PROOF
THAT BUSTER
KEATON WAS
A NOSE PICKER.

WANT TO
SEE?

MOM!

SO, BEING TOTALLY GROSSED OUT, I WENT UPSTAIRS TO WATCH MOM GET READY. LOOKING IN THE MIRROR, I DIDN'T SEE THE LIVING DEAD, BUT I FELT LIKE THE WALKING WOUNDED.





SO
WHILE MOM
WAS BUSY
GETTING READY...

I WAS BUSY
FREAKING OUT.

AND WHILE THE
CRAZY LADY REMINISCED
WITH THE LAMP...

NOW LET
ME MAKE
THIS CLEAR...

THE ONLY THING
STOPPING ME FROM
MARRYING DONALD
DUCK WAS BING
CROSBY AND HIS
GANG OF RADICAL
DENTAL HYGIENISTS.

BING WAS
OBSESSED
WITH
GINGIVITIS!

I TRIED TO
IMAGINE WHAT
MOM'S DATE
WOULD BE LIKE.

Y'KNOW, I NEVER
REALLY *THOUGHT*
ABOUT MOM
uhh
"DATING!"

OR AT
LEAST I DIDN'T
THINK I THOUGHT
ABOUT IT

BUT IT WAS LIKE MY
BRAIN WAS MAKING
THIS GIANT FILE OF
ALL THE BAD TYPES
MY MOM MIGHT...
(y'know) DATE

AND SITTING THERE
WAITING...



IT
POPPED
OPEN...

AND
THEY

ALL
TUMBLER

OUT!

ALL OF THEM...

LIKE...
THE
"NERD"

HELLO YOUNG
EARTHLING! IS YOUR
MOM READY TO BE
"BEAMED UP" FOR
LOVE!

THE
"CREEPY
NERD..."

YOU *SQUISH*
ANY BUG, AND
I'LL IDENTIFY
IT BY THE
RESIDUE!

GENUS...

PHYLUM...

AND

SPECIES.

Name: Andy "Wurt"
Schmidt
Age: Too old
Height: Too Little
Weight: Too much
Pet Peeve: People
who can't spell
"Rortulans"



Name: "Rigor" Adversus
Age: 4,000 (in bug years)
Height: 1.5 meters
Weight: 80g (but
he is so fat)
Pet Peeve: Chopping the
"R"

OR
(WORST
OF ALL!)

THE
"MOMMA'S
BOY."



Name: LIT Sweetie
Age: Perfect
Height: Perfect
Weight: Perfect
Pet Peeve: Anyone
who doesn't see
perfect my self



YOU JUST
KEEP THAT
HUSKY MOTHER
OF YOURS
AWAY FROM
HIM!

I COULDN'T
STOP STARING
AT THE
DOOR...
WAITING FOR
IT TO RING.

ding
dong

I'LL
GET
IT!



AND IMAGINING WHO WOULD
BE ON THE OTHER SIDE!

I WAS HOPING FOR SOMEONE LIKE Y'KNOW, ARAGORN, BUT...

HE WAS THE
MOST BORING
BLAND, GENERIC
GUY I'D EVER
SEEN!

OH... HOLD ON
BUDDY, I'LL
GET MY MOM.

AND I MEAN
BORING.

NO NO...
BLANDER.

THAT'S
IT!

I WAS ALL SET TO DELETE HIM FROM THE OL' LONG TERM MEMORY
WHEN HE SAID SOMETHING THAT TOTALLY FREAKED ME OUT!

YOU LOOK
LOVELY
TONIGHT...

MARY

"MARY"
HARDLY ANYONE
USES MY MOM'S NAME.

I MEAN I NEVER
EVEN THOUGHT
ABOUT HER AS A...

(YKNOW...)

"MARY."

'CUZ WITH TANNER, SHE'S 'SIS.'
AND DAD ALWAYS CALLED HER
'HONEY' (EVEN WHEN THINGS
GOT BAD) AND TO ME, SHE'S
JUST 'MOM.' BUT THERE SHE
WAS, ALL DOLLED UP...

AND BEING
MARY

BUT THE THING IS, SHE WAS ALSO BEING
SOMETHING ELSE SOMETHING I HADN'T
SEEN MUCH OF LATELY...

SHE WAS BEING HAPPY.

AND SO, HAPPY MARY
AND BORING BILL
LEFT WITHOUT SAYING
GOODBYE.

OKAY.
SHE'S GONE!

WHAT'S
THE
PLAN?

the PLAN

By: REGGIE Art By: PJAMAMAN

① Amelia + Penne Switch Places



*Penne will need \$

④ They follow Guy and Mom, to Date ~~last~~ ~~place~~ ~~start~~ Place.

start



⑦ CAPTAIN AMANG IS ADORED BY MANY FINE LADIES



② Thus Fooling the Gullabull Babysitter



③ AMELIA Unkumpaneez CAPTAIN AMANG



⑤ CAPTAIN AMANG GETS DIRTY ON GUY

NOTE: Too Little - R.G.



⑥ MOM Dumps GUY



⑧ AND Amelia Agrees to be his PERSONAL SLAVE

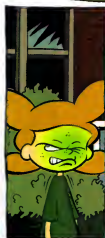
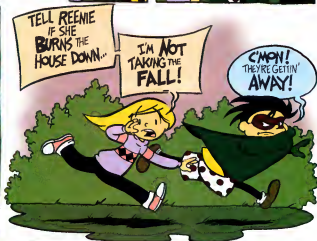
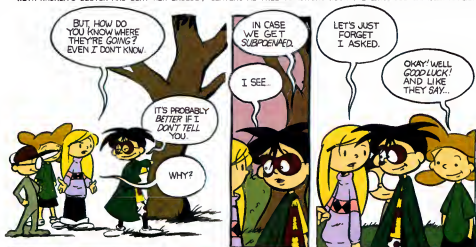


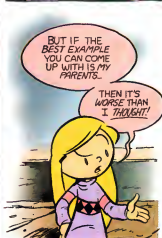
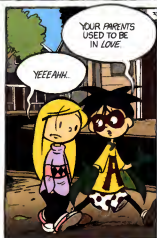
⑨ JUSTUS PREVAILS!

THE END

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OKAY, SO MAYBE IT WAS A DUMB PLAN, BUT SINCE I HAD NO DESIRE TO BE "SAT" BY "KRAZY KATE", I TRADED SHIRTS WITH RHONDA'S SISTER AND SENT HER INSIDE, LEAVING ME FREE TO CAVORT WITH THE INFAMOUS CAPTAIN AMAZING.





IN "THE PRINCESS BRIDE"
BUTTERCUP WAITS FIVE
YEARS FOR HER TRUE
LOVE TO RETURN.



BUT
ISN'T THAT A
TAD
EXTREME?

I MEAN, WHAT MADE HER DECIDE
WESLEY WAS HER TRUE LOVE
ANYWAY? WAS IT BECAUSE
HE LET HER BOSS HIM
AROUND ALL THE TIME?

BECAUSE I
CAN GET
BEHIND
THAT.



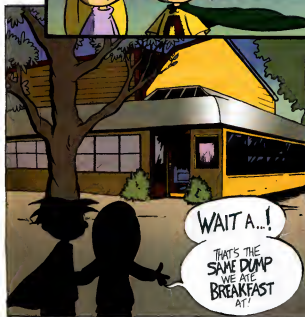
Y'KNOW?



HERE IT IS...
THE **SCENE**
OF THE **CRIME**.

I WONDER IF MOM THINKS
"BILL" IS HER ONE TRUE
LOVE? DID SHE USED TO
THINK DAD WAS IT? WHY
DOESN'T SHE ANY MORE?

Y'KNOW, I BET SHE DOESN'T
KNOW ANYTHING MORE ABOUT
LOVE THAN I DO, AND I
KNOW **ZILCH**.



WAIT A...!

THAT'S THE
SAME DUMP
WE ATE
BREAKFAST
AT!

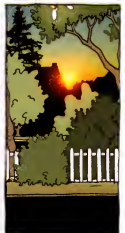
OKAY, MAYBE I DON'T
KNOW MUCH ABOUT
LOVE, BUT I HOPE
TRUE LOVE SPRINGS
FOR MORE THAN A
TURKEY CLUB...



OTHERWISE, WHY IS EVERYBODY TRYING SO HARD TO FIND IT?

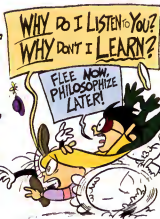






"THAT ANSWERS THAT QUESTION."









AMELIA!
WHAT ON
EARTH?!

OKAY.

NOW I DON'T WANT
YOU TO JUDGE ME
ABOUT WHAT
HAPPENED NEXT...

AND WHEN CAUGHT IN AN
"M.L.P." I ALWAYS FOLLOW
A SIMPLE 3 STEP PLAN*

'CUZ I WAS
TRAPPED IN A
MUST LIE
PREDICAMENT

OH!
Hihihihi

"GLP"

MOM!

This works great if
you are with someone
who looks even more
guilty than you.

STEP ONE: BECOME INNOCENT- No matter how guilty you actually are, it is important that you act so blameless, that you yourself believe you're innocent.

MESS?
WHAT
MESS?

OH I
YEEAAH.

GEE! I
DON'T KNOW
HOW THE
COUCH GOT
UP THERE!

STEP TWO: SELL OUT YOUR FRIENDS- This may seem cruel, but remember someday they'll do the same to you. That's what friends are for.

REGGIE DID
WHAT?!! WELL
YOU SHOULD
CALL HIS MOM!

No! THE
SCHOOL!

No! THE
F.B.I!

STEP THREE: UTILIZE DISTRACTION- The first chance you get to change the subject take it. Another opportunity might not come along.

WHAT
TH?

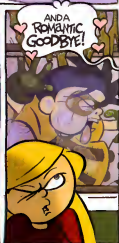
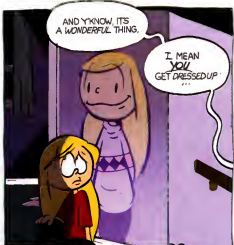
TANNER!

LOOK
MOMMY'S
TANNER!

Then, run upstairs. Remove any evidence (or itchy sweaters), and let the cavedropping begin.

WILL YOU
LOOK AT
THIS!

IT'LL TAKE
DAYS TO
CLEAN UP!



"I GUESS I WAS BEING KINDA SILLY.
I WANTED ONE OF THOSE FAIRY
TALE DATES... THE KIND
THAT MAKE YOUR HEAD SPIN..."

"BUT IT'S HARD TO FEEL LIKE
CINDERELLA WHEN PRINCE
CHARMING TAKES YOU OUT TO
'STARCHY'S FAMILY DINER.'
%Sigh% I GUESS I JUST HAD
MY HEAD IN THE CLOUDS."



"BUT NOW I'VE
COME BACK
DOWN TO
EARTH"



HOW DID
THE MISSION
GO?

WELL, I RUINED
THE DATE, KNOCKED
MYSELF SILLY,
AND THE HOUSE
GOT TRASHED.

SO PRETTY
GOOD.

WHAT DID
YOU DO?



OH PRETTY
STANDARD
TOOK A WALK
HUNG OUT

NOTHING
MAJOR.

"THE TRUTH IS TANNER, I MAY HAVE
TO FACE THE FACT THAT
ALL OF MY LIFE'S MAJOR EVENTS
ARE BEHIND ME."



"OH, I DON'T
KNOW SIS."

OH YEAH! AND
I GOT KISSED
BY PAJAMAMAN.



"I THINK THERE MAY
BE A FEW
SURPRISES LEFT"

WHAT?

IT'S A
FUNNY STORY
ACTUALLY.

HEY SHRIMP.
WHAT'S GOING ON?

HEY TANNER.



I KINDA HAD
A BAD NIGHT.

I KINDA
SAW!

AND UHH..
I KINDA UM..
RUINED MOM'S DATE.



AND NOW YOU'RE FEELING
KINDA BAD ABOUT IT.

WELL...

NOT
REEEALLY.



I
SEE.

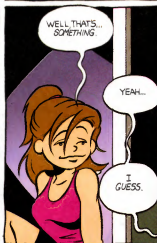
BUT I FEEL
BAD ABOUT
NOT FEELING
BAD.



WELL, THAT'S...
SOMETHING.

YEAH...

I
GUESS.



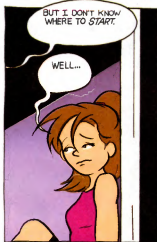
TANNER, I DON'T KNOW
MY MOM. I MEAN,
NOT REALLY. NOT LIKE
I SHOULD.

I WANT TO.

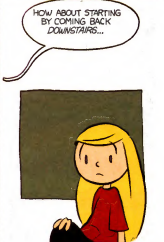


BUT I DON'T KNOW
WHERE TO START.

WELL...



HOW ABOUT STARTING
BY COMING BACK
DOWNSTAIRS...



"I HEAR THERE'S A GOOD MOVIE ON."

HI
MOM...

LISTEN, I'M
SORRY ABO...

OH
AMELIA!

SIT DOWN, WE
CAN STILL CATCH
THE END OF
THE MOVIE!

OKAY, NOW I DO KNOW
MOM WELL ENOUGH TO
KNOW THIS WAS JUST A
TEMPORARY REPRIEVE,
BUT WHAT THE HECK...

COOL!

AT LEAST I'D GET MY TRADITION.

and WUV, Twooo
WUV, will stay
with you
FOWEWEH.

HEY! ARE ANY OF YOU
JERKS GONNA
LET ME OUT OF THIS
CLOSET?!!

UHH...

>Heh
Heh<

"FUNNY
STORY..."

the SUPER SUMMER SPECIAL



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MOORE

ANDY
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ON SALE IN JUNE!

"She appeared at times to be channeling Bruce Springsteen and Rickie Lee Jones simultaneously."

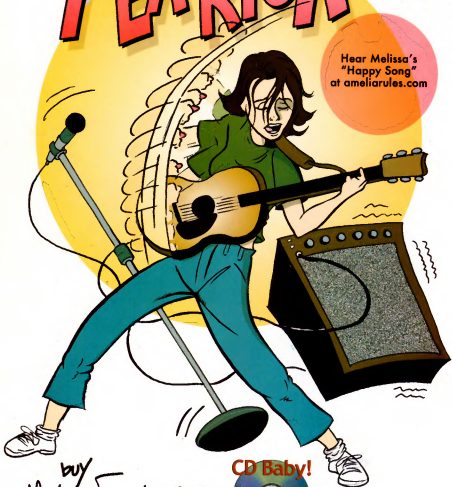
- Devra First/The Boston Globe

"This is the music I was listening to when I created Amelia McBride."

- Jimmy Gownley Amelia Rules!

Melissa FERRICK

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